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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time in connection with the above-identified application for filing a Response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2004. A response to the Office Action was originally due December 30, 2004, and the time for response is hereby extended to January 30, 2005. A check is enclosed for \$120.00 to cover the one-month extension of time fee for a large entity.

Authorization is given hereby to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the enclosed fee, or charge any additional extension of time fees necessary to preserve the pendency of the subject application, to Deposit Account No. 500675, Account No. 057517-0053. Additionally, any additional extensions of time required to maintain the pendency of the subject application are hereby respectfully requested.

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